


# Chatelaine-lánc

## Metalwork Collection

**Accession Nr.:** 59.928.1 

**Date of production:** mid 18th century

**Place of production:** Austria (presumably)

**Materials:** gilt bronze

**Techniques:** cast; engraved decoration; repoussé/punched

**Dimensions:** length: 13 cm  
width: 4,5 cm

The triangle-shaped upper part has a hook its centre shows a medallion with a basket of flowers, a gardeners' hat and a digger. Two chains hang from each side of the upper part, with snap-hooks at their ends. Flat units of square, circle and oval shape hang down from the middle, linked together with chains. They are decorated with baskets of flowers, fruits and a dog. This kind of chain, connected to a belt, was designed for carrying scissors, keys or other tiny objects around. For example, in the 18th century, men used to wear their watches hanging from a chatelaine chain.

## Literature

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